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This is a spending measure, it's one that I would support. I think it's been a benefit to the states and to the efficient administration of government programs. I think that we should pass the resolution and urge the Congress to continue the program.

PRESIDENT: Senator Dickinson.

SENATOR DICKINSON: Mr. President, members of the Legislature. I guess it's about all been said. I agree, basically, with what Senator Syas said, only I expect to stand up and be counted. I'm going to vote "red", Senator Syas. I realize this isn't very realistic. This will place tremendous hardships on those entities of government that have become dependent on revenue sharing funds.

I visited with my Congressman in 1971, or 2 before the original revenue sharing bill was passed, and urged him not to support it. It appeared to me that it would turn into the same thing that most government programs are-- an apple or some candy dangled on a string out in front of us that we have to match with something and we have restrictions put on. It seems to me we should be passing resolutions to simply have this money left at home in the first place and not send it back to Washington and then route it back home and lose who knows how much on that round trip it takes.

I think that we should support the measures and urge our Congressmen to support measures to get us back to traditional methods of financing things at home. I just think we did not encourage.... This does encourage spending and does encourage a federal deficit because they're not going to do like Senator Murphy says, although I agree with him. They're not going to tax to raise the money, they're going to borrow it.

I will oppose this resolution.

PRESIDENT: Senator Schmit.

SENATOR SCHMIT: I pass, Mr. President. I think it's all been said.

PRESIDENT: Senator Syas.

SENATOR SYAS: Just one closing comment to Senator Murphy. I've always thought that maybe a person ... I thought it was impossible to ride a horse two directions at once, but I've seen it today. Senator Murphy can do it.

PRESIDENT: Senator Murphy. Oh, are you finished, Senator Syas? I never quite know. You moved away from that and....

SENATOR SYAS: No, that's all.

PRESIDENT: Alright. Senator Murphy.

SENATOR MURPHY: Well I grant you I must be riding a horse two ways because Senator Cavanaugh says I won't tax and I'm a big spender. I'm a son of a gun! I don't have a university in my town. I don't have a prison in my town,